

Santa Clara Community Organization  
Executive Board meeting minutes  
Thursday, July 5, 2018  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
3280 River Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the chair, Kate Perle. There were 13 present, including 6 Board members. Rebecca Marx moved the minutes for the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved as submitted; George Price seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Kate announced that the City is looking for volunteers on the Technical Advisory Committee which will do the research regarding the potential Urban Reserve that will be established for future urban growth boundary alterations.
- Kate announced that the Citizen Advisory Team is looking for volunteers to do tabling during the summer for the Neighborhood Plan.
- Jerry Finigan reminded that there are two City-sponsored activities at Arrowhead Park during the summer. A film on July 21<sup>st</sup> and a musical concert on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Reports:

- Rebecca Marx reported on the progress of the Dog Off-Leash Area being developed under a matching grant at Lone Oak Park. Delta Sand and Gravel has completed the parking area. All the materials are assembled for the kiosk which will be constructed during the next couple of weeks. The City is working on signage for the park. Becca suggested that when the two pilot off-leash parks are finished, there might be a public dedication and celebration.
- Santa Clara Community Garden: Peter reported that currently all the spaces are rented out. There will be work done in the garden July 7<sup>th</sup> to develop even more spaces. The play area to the east of the garden is being vacated and St. Matthews has suggested that area, too, can be used for garden activities.

Other matters:

- Tom Watkins asked where the issue of authorizing a feasibility study for a regional park now stands. The committee has not been meeting. Last month Representative James Manning suggested he would follow up with the City Council and the County Commission to see if this can be moved forward, and Tom suggested SCCO keep reminding Representative Manning about this issue.
- George Price reported that Major Defoe is having the former McDougal property, is being surveyed (which now belongs to the horse center) for fencing. Kate suggested that Mr. Defoe might be looking for future development on the property.
- George reported that U-Haul at the former Ray's market is again putting illegal signage right on River Road. The City will be called to report this.
- Tom Watson reported that portions of the evacuation routes along Beltline are being impeded and has working to have signage established and enforcement to keep them clear. He is approaching a number of agencies to assist in this effort and it would be useful to have support from the neighborhood association. He agreed to bring back a proposal to the next SCCO meeting.

Brainstorming future programs:

- Mary Leontovich agreed to look into the issue of accessory dwelling units and research a possible future program focusing on this. Kate has asked City Planner, Alyssa Hansen, to talk about this issue at the August meeting.
- Possibly getting a foothold in Santa Clara for an emergency preparedness program
- Tim suggested SCCO find someone in Planning willing to discuss his idea of establishing rebates for portions of properties being used for gardens for public benefit.

Kate gave her gardening 101 tips for this month.

meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

submitted,  
Jerry Finigan, secretary